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EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT APPROVAL OF EMBASSY PROGRAM OF MAINTAINING CONTACT, ON AN AD HOC BASIS, WITH SELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE LEFT COMMUNIST PARTY (VPK), THE PRINCIPAL ELEMENT IN SWEDEN'S SPLIT MOVEMENT. THE VPK IS GENERALLY RECOGNIZED AS "LIBERAL," "NATIONALIST," "MODERATE" AND "ANTI-STALINIST" AND IS THE ONLY COMMUNIST GROUP WITH REPRESENTATION IN THE RIKSDAG. VPK OFFICIALS REGULARLY ATTEND THE TRADITIONAL AND SPECIAL CONGRESSES OF SISTER PARTIES IN MOST WESTERN AND EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. EMBASSY PLANS TO MAINTAIN CONTACT PROGRAM AT A LEVEL BELOW THAT OF AMBASSADOR AND DCM. WE PERCEIVE NO NEGATIVE EFFECTS FROM THIS CONTACT UPON OUR OTHER POLITICAL CONTACTS IN SWEDEN.

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